

## Good idea

THE TWO MAIN Latin American oil producing countries have decided to do what the Arab oil producing countries were not able to decide whether or not to do when their foreign and economy ministers met recently here in Amman.

Mexico and Venezuela are to offer nine fellow Central and South American states, the neediest or poorest ones, a special deal: they will sell them crude oil at market prices, but then refund 30 per cent of the cost in the form of special soft loans for development projects.

That way, the poorer states get the oil they need to fuel their national development, and gain access to extra finance for that development, while at the same time getting considerable relief from the budget and balance of payments burdens imposed by rising fuel bills.

On the other hand, Mexico and Venezuela are able to make a gesture of solidarity and a major contribution to economic development -- and the political and social well-being, stability and security that normally goes with such development -- while not risking upsetting the world oil market by offering straight concessionary prices. There are no middlemen rushing in to buy, say, cheap Venezuelan oil from, say, Nicaragua, and then selling it on the spot market. Nor does this arrangement require any split from OPEC's ranks on oil-pricing policy.

We have always supported the right of the oil-producers to fix their crude oil prices at whatever level the market forces of supply and demand may dictate. It is in the interests of all world producers of commodities -- this would include Jordan, with its phosphates, for example -- to see that economic power is shifted away from the multinational organisations of the consumers and toward the rightful beneficiaries, namely the producers.

However, we have also pointed to the appalling economic costs paid by the world's less developed countries since the spate of oil price rises began in 1974. The oil producers, through such agencies as the OPEC Special Fund and their own national funds, have done much to alleviate these shocks by making funds available to the poorer countries in the form of development aid. But we still know that the majority of the oil surplus revenues are going into investments in the West.

The oil producers have a right to offset the inflation they import from the western countries from which they purchase goods and services. But they have an even greater responsibility to offset the disastrous consequences of inflation which has been created since 1974 in the less developed countries and elsewhere, including some Arab countries, on the periphery of the oil-producing region.

In many ways, what Mexico and Venezuela have decided to do is what, for example, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states have been doing to help Jordan over the years. But as a matter of concerted Arab policy, such a plan has yet to be agreed upon at the pan-Arab level. We should watch the Latin American experiment, see how it works, and perhaps think of a similar programme for the Arab World.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: His Majesty King Hussein warned on Sunday of a "tremendous disaster" in store for the Middle East if the world community fails to achieve tangible progress towards a durable and comprehensive peace. Although this is not the first time such a warning has come from King Hussein, his remarks have special significance and profound meaning because they come at a critical juncture in the Arab World and internationally, and have clearly defined the means of staving off this threatening catastrophe.

The King emphasised in his remarks published in *U.S. News and World Report* magazine on Sunday, that the current U.S. strategy for dealing with the crisis in the region treated only with the Egyptian - Israeli side of the dispute which, as the King asserted, is the least important and the simplest aspect of the situation. The core of the crisis is Palestine and Jerusalem. The King also made clear that the alternative to this incomplete strategy is the positive role which should be undertaken by the United Nations, as the legitimate tool of the international will.

We believe that circumstances are now more favourable than they have ever been for making the world body step into its long-awaited role. This is especially the case after the Zionist challenge to this organisation and the legal principles it represents, and after it has become obvious that the Zionist entity is a foreign body--rejected by the sweeping majority of the nations and peoples of the world.

AL DUSTOUR: What is in store for the Middle East? What is the future of the region, which lies in the shadow of the recent dangerous developments--only the least of which is the present absence of genuine peace--as tension rises?

Many questions are facing the world, and the signs of the explosion to which Zionism is pushing the Middle East can be seen.

Against this background has come the warning of His Majesty King Hussein, who has said that a tremendous disaster is awaiting the Middle East if progress is not achieved towards the establishment of a durable peace in the region. --Israel is going ahead with its scheme to obliterate the Palestinian issue, and to swallow Jerusalem and the occupied territories within the Zionist entity after its strategy of isolating Egypt from the confrontation front has succeeded.

--In doing so, Israel is exploiting the U.S. administration, which is preoccupied with the presidential elections, and the lack of a strong front from the Arabs, who are weakened by conflicts and dispute.

--Israel, confident of absolute American support and of the weakness of President Carter's administration, faces the United Nations with insolence and challenges world opinion as long as the use of the U.S. Security Council veto in its favour is guaranteed, and as long as the Arabs are weak and incapable of deterring it.

As to the U.S., which is responsible for the current situation, and which is unable to see beyond its nose due to the presidential elections, its international responsibility calls on it to play its role in preserving world peace before it is too late.



—from the Arab News, Jeddah

## West Bank strikes in solidarity with Nafha prison inmates

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 4 (Agencies) -- Arab shopkeepers in the occupied Arab territories held a one-day strike today as Arab protest against the treatment of Palestinian inmates in Israel's Nafha prison continued to gain steam.

Shopkeepers closed their stores to show Arab solidarity with the Palestinian prisoners who are three weeks into a hunger strike, to draw attention to what they say are inhuman conditions in the prison.

Israeli troops forced many of the merchants to reopen, but more than half the shops throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip remained closed. The strike had been called by West Bank professional organisations.

Families of the prisoners have demonstrated outside the French and American consulates in occupied Jerusalem, and at the Red Cross, to demand that the Israelis move the prisoners from the specially-built high security facility deep in the Naqab desert.

In the Gaza Strip, about 80 female relatives of the prisoners demonstrated in front of the Red Cross for the third day.

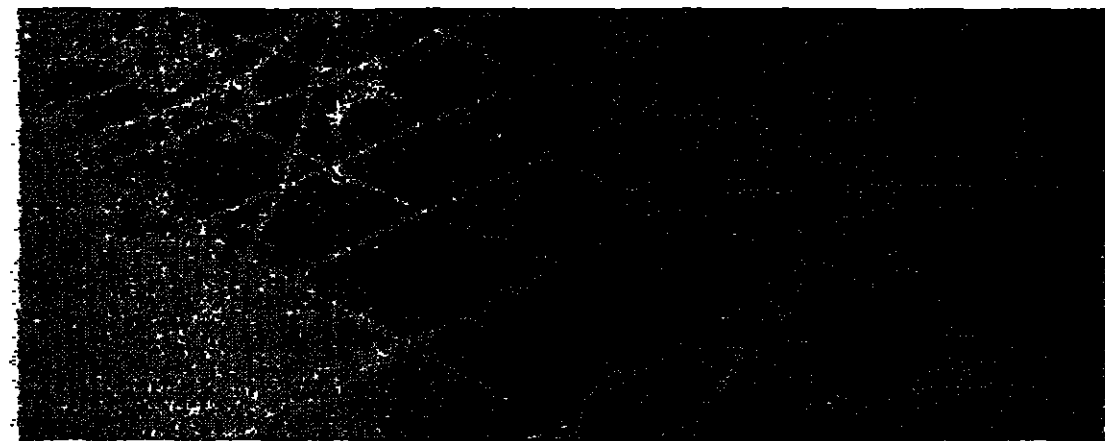
Israel's newest prison became the focus of Palestinian protest two weeks ago when two prisoners, on a hunger strike to back their demands for better living conditions, died as a result of force-feeding. Israeli prison authorities said the prisoners died of pneumonia.

By official count, 596 inmates throughout Israel's prison system now are refusing solid food in the spreading protest, and today marked the third time Palestinians have clashed with Israeli military police over the Nafha prison issue.

In a surprise and obviously planned move, prison service Commissioner Haim Levy, hoping to avert a flood of bad international press coverage for Israel, opened-Nafha prison to foreign reporters and cameramen, permitting a free view of everything from the eight-man cells to the guard dogs that roam the space between the two outer barbed-wire fences.

Reporters climbed onto the roof of the prison to observe inmates in the exercise courtyard. One of the prisoners jumped up to shout the group's demands and to ask that President Carter give Israel a million dollars to build a "humane prison."

"I challenge anyone in the prison service to meet me on tele-



Palestinian prisoners at Nafha prison seen from above--reminiscent of the "tiger cages" used during the Vietnam War.

vision to debate the justice of our demands," cried the shaven-headed inmate identifying himself as Jabril Mahmoud Al Jaroub, 27. He is serving a life sentence for taking part in an ambush of Israeli soldiers in Gaza in 1970, in which three soldiers were killed. But he

TEL AVIV, Aug. 4 (AP) -- Palestine now has two time zones -- courtesy of Palestinian Arabs in the Israeli occupied territories who are ignoring Israel's shift to summer time.

Residents of the occupied area refused to switch clocks ahead one hour Saturday night as a simple protest against Israeli occupation. Now, when you cross the 1967 cease-fire line, you enter a new time zone.

Within the Zionist state, pockets of ultra-orthodox Jews are also operating on West Bank time. The religious establishment has long opposed summer time because it would interfere with Jewish holidays which begin at sundown.

But a private citizen took the government to the Supreme Court and won an order to switch the clocks.

said he was really in jail "because I am a Palestinian and I love my motherland."

"A life sentence is enough," Mr. Jaroub exclaimed. "I was not sentenced to be tortured in prison... We are freedom fighters. We ask for the same conditions given to criminals."

The head of the prison system told reporters, "You can see it is not hell here... The prisoner spoke of being a political prisoner, but no one is here because of his views. It's because of his criminal deeds."

Mr. Jaroub, gesturing with a raised arm while 14 other prisoners sat in the barbed-wire-roofed courtyard, occasionally coaching him in his speech, said the prisoners wanted more visiting time, control of the prison kitchen, more books and newspapers, and greater freedom to leave their cells. They also say the prison, 200 kilometres south of Tel Aviv, is poorly ventilated.

Mr. Levy said the reason the jails are full is because Israeli troops captured the Palestinians alive. "They know themselves that because of our humane behaviour they remained alive," he said.

## Ibrahim: King's European tour was 'positive and useful'

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JNA) -- Minister of State Hassan Ibrahim has described His Majesty King Hussein's talks with French, West German and Austrian leaders as "positive and useful."

Speaking upon returning to Amman last night after accom-

panying the King on his visit to the three European nations, Mr. Ibrahim said the talks with these leaders "aimed at underlining the Arab stand vis-a-vis Middle East issues and the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the region."

The talks were also aimed at "soliciting Europe's support for Arab demands for total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the recognition of the Palestinian peo-

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Agencies) -- His Highness Crown Prince Hassan today warned that the Middle East is "gradually and consistently sliding into escalated confrontation, and possibly war, as a result of Israeli intransigence."

Speaking in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Arabic Service, Prince Hassan described the coming few months as "dangerous" for the people of the region because "they are caught in the midst of fears of bloody confrontation, on the one hand, and on the other hopes that the international community will be able to impose its will in laying down the foundations for a just and comprehensive peace" in the Middle East.

The Crown Prince recalled that Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky recently warned that the continuing deadlock in resolving the Palestine problem could lead to another war in the Middle East. "Many reasons drive me to the conclusion that a new war might break out in the Middle East," Dr. Kreisky told a Saudi Arabian magazine this week, "and one of them is the presence of highly extremist elements in the Israeli government."

Prince Hassan said a new Israeli

law absorbing Arab East Jerusalem into a unified eternal Zionist capital "constitutes yet another step by the Israeli occupation authorities that will render remote the ability of the international community to recognise the elements for any solution to the problem of Jerusalem."

He said the people of occupied Arab Jerusalem "reject imposed resolutions because these contravene logic and the prospects for real peace."

The Crown Prince said the "political framework" should be the basis for "any progress on the issue of the occupied Arab territories, especially Jerusalem."

He said the issues of the occupied territories and Jerusalem "are now so intertwined that the basic elements of the Jerusalem issue cannot be discussed separately from the issue of occupation in general."

Prince Hassan said that when Israel accepted United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, it accepted the principles of withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force. "But now it does not give a hint for its commitments," he said.

He stressed that Jerusalem "is the crux of national and religious aspirations for hundreds of millions of people."

The Crown Prince urged the United Nations to "define a gen-



eral framework that would a Security Council Resolution is such a way as to stress the principles of complete (fair withdrawal from the occupied territories, including Jerusalem, a return to the comprehensive political framework for a solution on the basis of respecting Palestinian people's right to determination and the Arab people's rights in Jerusalem."

In the amended resolution international community will be "urged to shoulder its responsibility in the light of Israel's element drive, usurpation natural resources and deliberate imposition of demagogic changes in the occupied Arab territories."

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All construction works shall be in accordance with the detailed design, specifications and bills of quantities prepared by Kenzo Tange and Urtec in association with Al-Istishariyyun. The project will be divided into separate tenders according to type of work. Either precast system or conventional construction is permitted to be implemented for the project.

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The prequalification application should include catalogue, date of establishment, financial status supported by bank letter, names of constructed similar projects with costs, available equipment proposed to be utilised on University Project and key technical personnel to be employed for the University Project with their experiences.

The terminal date for submission of prequalification application is 12.00 noon local time on Saturday, September 20, 1980.

A short list will be prepared by the University consisting the prequalified firms who shall be permitted to bid for the different parts of the project. The first bid will be issued late 1980 for infrastructure.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### An Honouring Celebration

The Jordan Engineers Association Council invites the first engineering graduates from the University of Jordan to a Summer celebration in their honour on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 8:30 p.m. at the Professional Association Complex. All associate engineers are welcome.

### Play

The Department of Culture and Arts, under the patronage of the Ministry of Culture and Youth and the Iraqi Embassy, presents the play by Iraqi writer Mr. Yousef Afani "Al Muftah" (The Key).

The thirteen-scene play, directed by Mr. Ahmad Shuqum, calls for abandoning reliance on others and advocates striving for a strong coherent Arab society capable of meeting the challenges currently confronting the Arab World. The play starts at 8:30 p.m. at the Department theatre and will run through August 8.

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## Local News Briefs

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JT)—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs today received a cable from the Jordanian Embassy in Rome assuring it there were no Jordanians among the victims of the explosion at Legna's train station. In the explosion on Saturday, 75 people were killed and more than 200 injured.

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JT)—The University of Jordan has so far received 10 applications by post from students wishing to enrol in the academic year. The university, which will continue to receive applications until Aug. 18, has already announced that it will be able to accept only 3,000 students this year.

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JT)—The President of the Arab Higher Committee, Mr. Salameh Amin Al Hussein, and the committee's secretary general, Mr. Haidar Kamel arrived here last night. The visit is connected with the committee's activities.

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JT)—Palestinians from the occupied Gaza Strip continue to obtain travel documents and renew existing ones in possession at the Sudanese Embassy here, which looks after their interests in Jordan, according to an embassy source. The source categorically denied rumours that the Egyptian interests section at the embassy was halting the procedures. It said Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, whether living here or abroad, can have their documents renewed or new ones issued by the section as usual. According to the source, documents for those living in the Gaza Strip can be obtained from the office of the general governor of Gaza, which is located in Cairo. Relatives of those applying for such documents can act on their behalf in Cairo, the source added.

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JNA)—Jordan's Ambassador here, Mr. Fawwaz al Ghanam, discussed with the Moroccan minister of education today Jordanian-Moroccan educational relations. They also discussed the possibility of increasing the number of places for Jordanian students at Moroccan universities in the coming academic year.

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JNA)—Minister of Culture and Youth Taher al Ghanam, discussed with the Moroccan minister of education today Jordanian-Moroccan educational relations. The minister told him that the ministry will provide every possible material and technical help to the team to enable it to participate in Arab, regional and international championships. Mr. Hikmat added that during the visit he had in Moscow with his Soviet counterpart, they agreed that the ministry would get a Soviet trainer to supervise the training of the team.

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JT)—The Jordanian-Palestinian joint committee supporting the steadfastness of the people in the occupied Arab territories will shortly make a tour of Arab states to raise funds for its activities. The Arab summit in Baghdad established a special fund for this purpose.

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JT)—A royal decree was issued yesterday approving a loan agreement with the Saudi development fund. Under the agreement, Jordan will obtain 38.5 million riyals to finance the al-Ma'azil railway.

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JT)—The economic counsellor at the Jordanian Embassy in Khartoum, Mr. Hani Khamash, arrived in Amman yesterday for a visit and talks with government officials on Jordan-Sudanese trade relations.

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JT)—The Under-secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Dr. Abdullah Nsour, will leave for Geneva on Aug. 12 to participate in the board meeting of the Arab African bank. The five-day meeting is scheduled to start on Aug. 13.

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JT)—Al Ra'i newspaper reported today that the University of Jordan has decided to open a dentistry section at the Faculty of Medicine. It said the section will open in the academic year 1981.

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JNA)—Total government revenues in the first quarter to 1980 amounted to JD 44,835 million, a spokesman for the Ministry of Finance said yesterday. Most of these revenues were derived from taxes, fees and services, he said.

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JNA)—The cabinet yesterday formed Jordan's delegation to the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) meeting to be held in Belgrade in September. The delegation, to be headed by Minister of Education Hammad Nouri Shafiq, includes eleven other members representing different government departments.

## Rimawi calls for haste in passing government law

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JT) — The Prime Minister, Dr. Qasem Al Rimawi, today called for speeding up the procedures leading to the enactment of the new local government law which, he said, would help develop local communities and raise their standards of living.

Speaking at a meeting at the Ministry of the Interior, Dr. Rimawi said local residents in different governorates should be given the opportunity to elect their various councils and take the responsibility for managing the affairs of their districts and projects being implemented there.

Jordan is witnessing continuous population growth and progress in many fields, he said, but public services are not fairly distributed among the country's various governorates.

He called for the elimination of complicated routine which impedes development, and for wider authority for local administrators so that they could deal with issues in their districts and so contribute more toward the economic and social development of the country.

During the meeting, the local government draft bill was reviewed in detail and the prime minister answered questions on it.

He also decided to form a committee to complete studies on the drafts of the municipalities bill and the local government bill, with a view to merging them into a single law.

The committee will comprise representatives of the Prime Ministry, the Interior Ministry, the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment and of local administrators and municipal and village councils in Jordan.

Taking part in the meeting today were the ministers of the interior and municipal and rural affairs and the environment, the

directors of the public security and civil defence directorates, local governors and a number of mayors.

Following the meeting the prime minister told the Jordan News Agency that the government is keen on preserving the democratic principle which, he said, enables the public to participate in bearing the responsibility of government.

## Islamic group calls for action to save Jerusalem

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JT) — The Islamic General Conference on Jerusalem today appealed to the international community to take "serious and effective measures to foil the conspiracies of the Zionist authorities against Jerusalem."

A statement issued by the conference today came in response to Israel's announcement that it is formally annexing Arab Jerusalem to make the city the "united capital of Israel."

The statement, copies of which were sent to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, the current president of the U.N. Security Council and Arab and foreign embassies in Amman, said speedy and effective measures should be taken to stop Israel from carrying out its designs in the holy city.

Yesterday the "Save Jerusalem Committee" of the conference called on Arab and Muslim nations to take unified political, economic and military action aimed at restoring Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty. A statement issued in Amman said that Arab and Muslim nations should take the responsibility of implementing the recent U.N. General Assembly resolution of Jerusalem.

Failure to act immediately, the statement said, would mean the situation in Jerusalem and the occupied territories was bound to deteriorate even further.

The statement also called on Arab and Muslim nations to set aside their differences and mobilise their energies to rescue the holy places.

## Shak'a due here today en route to Europe

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JT) — Nabhis Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a is expected here from the West Bank Tuesday on his way to Europe for further medical treatment.

He will go to France for six days and then to Britain to have artificial legs fitted.

A report in Al Ra'i newspaper said that Mr. Shak'a's visit to Britain for treatment comes at the invitation of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Mr. Shak'a lost both his legs in an Israeli car-bombing on June 2.

## Milhem, Qawasmi to visit Soviet soon

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (Agencies) — The Islamic judge of Hebron, Sheikh Rajab Al Tamimi, expelled from the occupied West Bank in May, said here yesterday that two expelled West Bank mayors would soon visit the Soviet Union, among other "friendly nations."

Sheikh Tamimi expressed satisfaction with a two-week tour of Iraq, Syria and the Gulf States he made in the company of Mr. Fadi

## Ceausescu due in Jordan on Aug. 17

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (Agencies) — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu will begin a three-day state visit to Jordan on Aug. 17, official sources said here today.

The president, who will be accompanied by economists as well as political figures, will hold talks with His Majesty King Hussein and Jordanian officials.

He will also attend the inauguration of Jordan's second oil refinery in Zarqa, the sources said.

The \$280 million refinery was built by a Romanian consortium. It has a daily capacity of 7,500 tons, boosting the total of refined oil in Jordan to 12,000 tons per day, a rate enough to meet Jordan's local consumption until

1990, refinery Director General Sa'd Al Tal said in a statement. President Ceausescu last visited Jordan in 1975, and King Hussein paid an official visit to Romania last February.



President Nicolae Ceausescu

## New company to market Jordanian poultry, eggs

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JNA) — The ministerial committee for development today approved the establishment of a general company for the production and marketing of poultry and eggs in Jordan and abroad.

According to Minister of Supply Jawad Anani, the government will acquire half of the shares of the projected JD 4 million company, and the other half will be owned by poultry farmers and other shareholders.

He said the company will be charged with buying locally produced fowls and eggs to supply the Jordanian market and to market the surplus abroad, especially in neighbouring Arab states.

The company will also have its own slaughterhouse for the poultry, cold stores for eggs and its own transport fleet for distribution around the country, the minister said.

Jordan's production of poultry and eggs is continually rising, and is now almost sufficient to supply the country's needs, Dr. Anani said.

## 5 youths held on suspicion of vandalism near bridge

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (JT)—A group of five youths aged between 13 and 18 have been detained by police for questioning near the Prince Mohammad Bridge for suspected acts of vandalism.

Al Ra'i newspaper said they were suspected of breaking open the doors of 13 cars with Kuwaiti license plates belonging to citizens now visiting relatives in the occupied West Bank.

## TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be hot, with light and variable winds. In Aqaba, it will be dusty, with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight		Daytime	
	Low	High	Low	High
Amman	23	35		
Aqaba	27	39		
Deserts	24	36		
Jordan Valley	25	39		

The high temperature in Amman on Monday was 34, while that in Aqaba was 40.

## AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing Co.	JD 10,000	60	14,600	14,600	14,600
Jordan Dairy Co. (New shares)	JD 1,000	3714	1,320	1,300	1,300
Arabian Development and Investment	JD 2,000	6400	1,270	1,250	1,250
Arabian Seas Insurance Co. Ltd.	JD 5,000	98	9,750	9,750	9,750
Islamic Bank	JD 1,000	13645	2,100	2,040	2,050
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	5802	1,540	1,530	1,540
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	2650	1,910	1,910	1,910
Jordan Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	370	2,220	2,220	2,220
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	160	16,000	16,000	16,000
Jordan Tobacco and Cigarettes Co.	JD 5,000	35	8,950	8,950	8,950
Arab Company for Paper Manufacture and Trade	JD 1,000	500	0,930	0,930	0,930
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	1175	3,750	3,750	3,750
Dar Al Sha'b	JD 1,000	1000	0,910	0,900	0,900
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	1206	3,120	3,110	3,110
Arabian Investment and International Trading Co. Ltd.	JD 1,000	1000	0,900	0,900	0,900
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	1200	0,920	0,920	0,920
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 5,000	364	26,900	26,850	26,850
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	143	1,870	1,870	1,870
International Construction and Investment	JD 1,000	4977	0,920	0,910	0,910
Jordan Worsteds Mills Co.	JD 1,000	613	2,750	2,750	2,750
Jordan Glass Factories Co.	JD 1,000	150	0,810	0,810	0,810
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 1,000	106	3,110	3,110	3,110
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	24	9,030	9,030	9,030
National Steel Industry	JD 1,000	5000	2,100	2,090	2,090

Total volume traded on Monday, Aug. 4, 1980: JD 92,669

Total number of shares traded: 50,392

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The project consists of several pumping stations, large diameter pipelines, water treatment plants and water storage reservoirs.

The Jordan Valley Authority hereby invites the engineering consulting firms and/or joint ventures thereof who possess the experience and the ability to perform the economic and technical feasibility of the project to express their interest in writing to the Authority to prequalify for the job. Relevant data and documents that establish their experience and ability to perform the required study should be submitted to the Authority for purposes of prequalification not later than August 31, 1980 at the address shown below. No special forms for prequalification are specified;

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# Economic News Briefs

## Bahrain to buy and refine Saudi oil

BAHRAIN, Aug. 4 (R) — Saudi Arabia will sell 100,000 barrels of light crude oil a day to Bahrain for refining under a three-year agreement approved by the Bahrain cabinet yesterday. The deal would cost Bahrain \$1.2 billion annually, with the oil being sold at the official Saudi price which is now \$28 a barrel.

The agreement was backdated to July 1, when the Bahrain government acquired in principle a 60 per cent share in the island's 250,000 barrels a day refinery, owned by the American Caltex Petroleum Company.

The refinery processes all Bahrain's crude oil output of 50,000 barrels per day. The rest of the oil comes through a marine pipeline from neighbouring Saudi Arabia.

## Turkey, Yugoslavia discuss economic ties

BELGRADE, Aug. 4 (R) — Turkish Finance Minister Ismet Sezgin discussed prospects of economic cooperation with Yugoslav Deputy Prime Minister Dragoljub Stavrev and Finance Minister Petar Kostic here today.

The Turkish minister arrived in Belgrade last night at the head of a delegation for talks on bilateral cooperation in the fields of industry, energy, shipbuilding, tobacco processing, communications and banking, officials said.

## Kuwaiti lending rate shoots up to 8.5%

KUWAIT, Aug. 4 (AP) — Interest rates for local short term loans have more than doubled in the past week, local banks reported today. The rates had been steady but started rising following a marked increase in demand, the Commercial Bank of Kuwait said in its weekly report.

As a result, interest rates for overnight and seven-day loans rose from two or three per cent to eight and 8.5 per cent per annum, the bank report said.

The other bank, the National Bank of Kuwait attributed the increase partly to the recent improvement of U.S. interest rates and the strengthening of the dollar.

## India to export iron ores to Romania

NEW DELHI, Aug. 4 (AP) — India will export 23.75 million tonnes of iron ore to Romania between 1981-86, the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) of India said yesterday.

The agreement was signed recently by a visiting Romanian trade delegation and the MMTC, which did not disclose the price of the ore.

## Kuwait Stock Exchange to trade Gulf shares

KUWAIT, Aug. 4 (AP) — The government of Kuwait announced today it has decided to permit the trading of the shares of other Arabian Gulf companies on the Kuwait Stock Exchange, reversing last year's ban on such trading.

The government decision however, taken during a cabinet meeting yesterday, laid down the following stipulations.

— The company's capital should not be less than five million Kuwaiti dinars (\$19 million).

— The company must be registered in a Gulf state party to the Gulf economic cooperation agreement and completely owned by nationals or establishment of the Gulf states.

— The company must have been established for at least three years and Kuwaiti interests in it should be at least 50 per cent.

The cabinet decision is regarded as a compromise following a wave of protests since the government banned the trading of Gulf shares on the Kuwait stock market last year.

Mr. Abdul Aziz Hamad Al Saqr, a local businessman pressing for the lifting of the ban estimates that Kuwaiti capital invested in other Arab companies in the Arabian Gulf region was about 300 million Kuwaiti dinars (\$1.2 billion).

He argued that the ban on the trading of such shares on the Kuwait exchange resulted in financial losses for Kuwaiti businessmen.

## France to finance projects in Burundi

BUJUMBURA, Burundi, Aug. 4 (AP) — France has agreed to pay 25.5 million French francs (about \$6.4 million) for five development projects in this central African nation of four million, the government has announced.

Foreign Minister Edouard Ntanzimimana said almost half of the amount — 10 million francs (about \$2.5 million) — will buy a French all-purpose vessel to haul cargo from Kigoma, Tanzania to this city across the lake Tanganyika.

The remainder of the funds is scheduled to finance housing, catography, agriculture projects and help pay for the building of a telecommunication facility.

## EEC, Cyprus aim for customs union

BRUSSELS, Aug. 4 (R) — The EEC commission today announced proposals for further reductions in barriers on trade with Cyprus, aimed at reaching total customs union by 1990. The proposals cover the second stage of an association agreement which first came into force in mid-1973.

Agricultural products account for around 75 per cent of Cypriot exports to the EEC.

## U.S. lending rates start upward trend

NEW YORK, Aug. 4 (AP) — Chemical Bank raised its prime lending rate a quarter-point to 11 per cent today the first increase in the widely watched business loan rate since early April. Chemical had no immediate comment on its move.

The increase in a bank's charge on short-term loans to top-rated corporations came amidst a general rise in short-term money-market rates in the past two weeks.

Last Friday, New York's Citibank raised to 10.5 per cent from 10 per cent the rate it charges stockbrokers on loans backed by collateral. The increase is likely to mean higher interest charges to customers who borrow money from their brokers to buy stocks.

The prime rate is not tied to

rates on home mortgages or consumer loans. But its movements can reflect general changes in the cost of borrowed money.

The Federal Reserve sharply restricted credit in mid-March, fearing too-easily obtained borrowed money would continue to fuel inflation. The Fed's move sent the prime rate soaring to a record 20 per cent by April 2 and pushed mortgage rates as high as 18 per cent.

The move came several months into the current recession and helped sharply slow demand for borrowed funds. Since reaching its peak, the prime rate has steadily fallen, with Chemical and Chase Manhattan Bank posting 10.75 per cent prime rates on July 24.

Most other major banks kept their prime rates at 11 per cent.

## U.S. report cites means of cutting foreign oil

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (AP) — The United States can cut its dependence on foreign oil in half by 1990 by doubling use of coal, tripling use of nuclear power and relaxing certain environmental laws, the oil industry's trade association said today.

In a 166-page report, the American Petroleum Institute (API) presented two scenarios of how the country can handle the energy crisis over the next decade.

If current government policies remain unchanged, the API said, the country can look forward to a continued decline in domestic oil and gas production from the current 19.2 billion barrels daily to as low as 12.2 billion barrels in 1990. At the same time, oil imports, which averaged 8.2 billion barrels in 1979, could rise to 11.3 billion barrels in 1990.

The key government policy

change necessary to halve production decline is an accelerated exploration programme in onshore lands.

The API cited studies that 37 per cent of onshore oil resources, 43 per cent of covered natural gas and 4 per cent of the remaining coal country can be found on onshore lands.

"Passage of many major controlling the use of land created a web of regulations unnecessarily, and often intentionally work together to back energy development," the API said, "now often reaching the goal of a clean environment."

The government also has revised environmental laws, the API said, now often "rigidity rather than flexibility reaching the goal of a clean environment."

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, Aug. 4 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

One sterling	2.3420/30
One U.S. dollar	1.1579/82
	1.4845/55
	1.9445/60
	1.6490/6505
	28.43/48
	4.1355/80
	841.00/75
	226.00/15
	4.1765/75
	4.8885/95
	5.5200/15
One ounce of gold	628.00/630.00

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West German marks	
Dutch guilders	
Swiss francs	
Belgian francs	
French francs	
Italian lire	
Japanese yen	
Swedish crowns	
Norwegian crowns	
Danish crowns	
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## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, Aug. 4 (R) — Share prices were easier in quiet trade with the lack of institutional demand continuing to affect sentiment, dealers said. At 1500 the FT index was down 5.1 at 4828.

Rhodesian bonds featured following the return from suspension after the redemption details. The Southern Rhodesians per cent 1976-79 issue closed at £110 against the suspension price of £179 reflecting market disappointment over the terms.

Government bonds were as much as a point easier reflecting nervousness ahead of the U.K. banking figures, due tomorrow. Highland Distillers featured with an 18p fall to 122p. The monopolies commission said the proposed take-over by Higgs Walker should not be permitted.

Guest Keen was weak losing 9p at 247p while Blue Circle, TCI Hawker Siddeley and Tube Investments were between 4p and 8p lower. Lucas, Tate, Beecham, Fison and Plessey were up to 3p easier.

Oils eased with Burmah, BP, Shell and Ultramar between 4p and 6p lower.

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After some progress with Vietnamese

## Waldheim not encouraged after first talks with Thais

**BANGKOK, Aug. 4 (R) —** United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said today he hoped to ease the tension between Thailand and Vietnam over the Kampuchean crisis.

But after more than 2½ hours of talks with Thai foreign minister Siddhi Savetsila, Mr. Waldheim indicated that there had been little progress on resolving any of the issues involved.

Mr. Waldheim told reporters that Air Chief Marshal Siddhi had put the Thai views in a frank manner, a formula that usually indicates blunt talking.



Dr. Kurt Waldheim

"The meeting was constructive and very helpful, but it is only the first round," he said. The secretary general is also due to have discussions with Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda.

Mr. Waldheim arrived here this morning from a two-day visit to Hanoi where he said some progress had been made on easing the tension along the Thai-Kampuchean border.

He declined to say whether he was optimistic that solutions could be found, but added, "I am certainly hopeful we can overcome the difficulties."

Each side blames the other for the frontier tension, and has put forward rival proposals for easing it.

Thai officials said Thai leaders would tell Mr. Waldheim that in their view the crucial issue was the presence of Vietnamese troops in

Kampuchea and that the Vietnamese proposals on border issues were a diversionary tactic.

Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach, at a Hanoi press conference, yesterday rejected proposals from Thailand and its partners of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) for a demilitarised zone inside Kampuchea where refugees could be assured of safety.

Vietnam, with its allies Laos and Kampuchea, proposed a demilitarised zone on both sides of the border, empty of civilians.

## Afghan army mutineers quelled by Soviet troops

**NEW DELHI, Aug. 4 (R) —** Soviet forces appear to have quelled a mutiny by Afghan army units near Kabul, diplomatic sources said here today.

The sources said details of the fighting, southwest of the capital, were not available. But a large convoy of tanks and trucks returned to Kabul during the weekend, probably from that area.

Air activity over Kabul, which increased considerably at the time of the mutiny 10 days ago, was

now back to normal with only occasional helicopter sorties, the sources said.

The sources said Soviet and government troops were reported to have clashed with Muslim rebels around Musai in Logar province, south of Kabul.

The government-controlled press and radio reported clashes in the south between local people and what they termed counter-revolutionary bands which had encroached on the rights of farmers.

## Nepalese court supports China

**KATHMANDU, Nepal, Aug. 4 (AP) —** Seven Tibetans have been sentenced to life imprisonment by a special court in Kathmandu, six for "organising an army with intention of instigating armed rebellion in Tibet against a friendly country, China," it was announced today.

The court said the Tibetan Khampas, a Mongol tribe living at the southern base of the Himalayas, made abortive attempts to carry out armed expeditions into Tibet despite an order from the Nepalese government that they surrender their arms and return to district headquarters.

The seventh Khampa drew life imprisonment for raising arms "so as to undermine the sovereignty of

the Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal."

It was the first time a Nepalese court has given life sentences to the Tibetans who fled from Tibet to Nepal in 1959 when their god-king the Dalai Lama. The verdict is subject to ratification by a higher court.

About 20,000 members of the Khampa tribe fled into Nepal, with about half now living in refugee resettlement camps scattered throughout the mountain kingdom.

Of these, about 4,000 armed Khampas are in Mustang, from where they have unsuccessfully attempted to launch an attack on China-controlled Tibet.

In 1974, the Nepalese government gave the tribesmen a

"final ultimatum" to surrender their arms and return to resettlement camps. When the Mustang group, led by Mr. Wangdi Did, refused to comply, the Royal Nepal army launched an operation to disarm the Tibetans.

Mr. Wangdi was later killed, and many of his followers taken into custody after a battle with the Nepal army at Darchula, a Nepalese district bordering India.

The Khampas were said to have possessed "many modern weapons and other strategic material" made in the United States, Taiwan and India. The Khampas are also reported to have channelled profits from business enterprises in Nepal to the tiny guerrilla army.

## Assamese protesters agree to halt

**NEW DELHI, Aug. 4 (AP) —** In a surprise about-face leaders of a nine-month, anti-immigrant movement in Assam State assured the Indian government in writing late today that their economically crippling agitation "will remain withdrawn," reports said.

The student agitators had earlier threatened to restart their campaign against illegal immigrants in the northeastern state shortly after agreeing to suspend it and hold talks with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government on their demands.

An agreement announced on Saturday between the two sides

began to unravel late yesterday when a government official in the northeastern state demanded clarifications from the youths. The students threatened to renew their effective agitation if the government did not implement the accord.

"The statements" (by the students) are vague... and fell far short" of the government's understanding of what the youths had earlier indicated, Mr. H.C. Sarin told reporters in Dispur, Assam's capital located 450 kilometres northeast of Calcutta.

On Saturday, the government negotiators said they were releas-

ing scores of arrested leaders and withdrawing legislation empowering troops to quell civil disorders and arrest and search without warrants. In response, the students said they would withdraw the agitation in part and the two sides agreed to hold talks on deporting alleged aliens on Aug. 11.

Three earlier rounds of talks had failed. Mr. Sarin, however, said that although the government had withdrawn legislation giving wide powers to troops, it had not released any of the detainees.

In an angry response, student leaders said they had not committed themselves to a total cessation of the agitation. They said the blockade of the oil installations would continue and that the government had earlier agreed to this provision.

The ban on the export of the other products had ended, the youths added.

The agitators are demanding the expulsion of millions of immigrants from Bangladesh who, they claim, threaten the local Assamese culturally and economically. The native Assamese are predominantly Hindu, while the immigrants are mostly Muslim.

Officials say about 200 people have died in Hindu-Muslim rioting since the anti-alien movement began last year.

Surrounding the games during the first few days. They tended to concentrate on the relative absence of children — most of them attending summer camp — and the strict security hampering contact with Muscovites.

As the games got under way, reporting put more emphasis on pure sports angles and Mr. Popov commented favourably on this when the games were at the halfway mark.

But his indignation returned when some newspapers carried allegations of judging irregularities during athletics which he dismissed as "strange fantasies."

International sports officials said no complaints about cheating were received by the competent bodies.

Visitors to the games interviewed by the Soviet press included athletes, foreign dignitaries, sports officials, tourists and foreign journalists.

Early in the games, Mr. Popov presented an 88-year-old Ameri-

can tourist, Mr. Nick Paul, to journalists. Mr. Popov introduced him as a man who had visited every modern Olympic games since the first in Athens in 1896.

Later, Mr. Paul said this was inaccurate. He said he did not attend the controversial 1936 Berlin games when the Nazis were in power nor the games in Melbourne and Tokyo.

But he described the Moscow opening ceremony as the best he had ever seen and added: "The people here receive us like royalty."

Mr. Paul first attracted attention by waving a U.S. flag during the opening ceremony, despite his country's boycott of the games over Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Much of the reporting in the Soviet press was aimed at minimising the effects of the U.S.-led boycott. Some 60 countries did not attend, although their absence was not always inspired by the boycott.

"It is quite evident that the attempts of imperialism to prevent

## Eritreans prepare for chemical war

**PORT SUDAN, Aug. 4 (R) —** Eritrean guerrillas are making crude gas masks in preparation for a new Ethiopian government offensive in which they expect a lethal nerve gas to be used, according to travellers reaching this Red Sea port today from Eritrea.

One of the travellers, Mr. Michel Vandenbosch, of the Brussels-based relief agency Oxfam-Belgium, said guerrillas in the bases he visited in northern Eritrea last week were manufacturing the masks from rubber and plastic tubes filled with charcoal.

Goggles were being made from used X-ray film, he added. The guerrillas said they expected the government to launch a new offensive within the next few weeks.

Leaders of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) have said that at least 50 Soviet experts in chemical warfare had arrived in Eritrea earlier this year along with shipments of a fatal nerve gas and other chemicals.

The travellers said the guerrilla forces had also made contingency plans for evacuating their mountain bases and field hospitals in the event of a government attack.

He said the Eritreans were debating moving medical facilities to neighbouring Sudan for fear of having hospital staff and patients wiped out in a gas attack.

Guerrillas in the former Italian colony annexed by Ethiopia in 1962 have fought against rule from Addis Ababa for 18 years.

Last December they drove back to the Eritrean coast a government army which had advanced close to the guerrilla's last mountain stronghold in the town of Nacfa.

## Reagan sends Bush to China and Japan

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (AP) —** Republican U.S. presidential nominee Ronald Reagan announced yesterday that he is sending his running mate, Mr. George Bush, to China and Japan in mid-August for informal talks with leaders of both countries on U.S. trade and other relations.

"This is the first in a series of foreign policy initiatives that I will undertake during the coming months," Mr. Reagan said. "It is vitally important that the United States strengthen relations with these two Asian nations as well as the Republic of China (Taiwan), the Republic of Korea and others."

"It is equally important to discuss mutual goals regarding trade, energy development and peace stability in Asia and the Pacific Ocean."

Mr. Bush, a former ambassador

to the United Nations and Central Intelligence Agency director, was U.S. envoy to Peking during the administration of President Gerald Ford, before the United States extended full diplomatic recognition to China and ended formal ties with Taiwan.

Mr. Reagan said Mr. Bush's "knowledge of Asia and the Pacific is unquestioned."

Accompanying Mr. Bush, the statement said, will be Mr. Richard Allen, the Republican nominee's foreign policy adviser and Mr. Dean Burch, a senior Bush adviser.

"Mr. Bush will exchange informal views with government leaders of both nations and prepare Mr. Reagan a report on trade and other relations between the U.S. and the nations he visits," the announcement said.

## Cyprus denies it was behind diplomat's death

**NICOSIA, Aug. 4 (AP) —** The Cyprus government today strongly denied Turkish allegations that there was Greek Cypriot involvement in the Athens murder of a Turkish diplomat and his daughter.

Government spokesman Miltiades Christodoulou declared, "This is a completely baseless allegation within the framework of a systematic Turkish slanderous campaign against Greek Cypriots."

The aim of this campaign Mr. Christodoulou said was "among other things to provide pretexts for possible new questionable operations."

Turkish and Turkish Cypriot leaders have frequently threatened further action against the Cyprus government to counter alleged Greek Cypriot support or participation in anti-Turkish terrorism operations. Turkey invaded and occupied nearly half the island in July 1974 and many Greek Cypriots fear Turkey may extend its occupation any day.

The Cyprus government denial followed last Wednesday's murder in Athens of Turkish embassy attaché Mr. Galip Ozmen and his daughter.

Responsibility for the murder was claimed by the "Armenian Secret Army for the liberation of Armenia." This is an Armenian nationalist group seeking revenge for the genocide of more than one million Armenians by Turkish troops at the start of this century.

The "special news bulletin"

issued daily by the official Turkish Cypriot information office in Nicosia, charged on Saturday that the Athens attack was carried out "by an organisation supported jointly by Greece and the Greek Cypriot leadership."

"The Greek Cypriot leadership and others who are the masterminds behind plots against Turkish diplomats have been warned in the past their crimes will not go unpunished," the bulletin article added.

Several secret Armenian groups besides the Secret Army have carried out more than 130 terrorist attacks against Turkish diplomats and other targets in various European countries in the past 6 years.

The Turkish claim of Greek and Greek Cypriot involvement is repeated after each fresh attack and equally denied by the Greek and Greek Cypriot sides.

## Freedom of the Peruvian press

**LIMA, Aug. 4 —** A new era of unrestricted freedom has opened for the Peruvian press after six years of military control.

The editors of seven Lima newspapers, who were forcibly removed by troops on July 26, 1974 when the late General Juan Velasco Alvarado nationalised the country's daily press, are back on duty.

Their return passed off without incident despite threats from some newspaper workers that they would attempt to prevent a hand-over to the former owners.

Militants had demanded the newspapers should be handed over to the workers to be managed as cooperatives with the full support of Peru's left-wing parties.

But a less vociferous majority of workers welcomed the move which is likely to boost flagging circulations and improve the press's finance.

Restoration of press freedom followed Peru's return to democracy after 12 years of military government.

President Fernando Belaunde who scored a landslide victory in last May's general elections, announced in his inauguration address last week that total press freedom was restored "from this moment."

He signed his first presidential decree later the same day restoring to their jobs editors dismissed when the papers were expropriated without compensation.

He also sent to Peru's ruling Congress a draft law under which

## Police raid neo-fascist hide-outs Millions of Italians stricken by Bologna massacre

**ROME, Aug. 4 (Agencies) —** Police raided neo-fascist hide-outs in 20 Italian cities today in a hunt for the gang that blew up Bologna's railway station and killed 75

Interior ministry sources said the searches began at dawn but declined to disclose details.

Soon afterwards millions of Italians marched through city centres to express grief and dismay over Saturday's massacre.

Factories and shops closed throughout Italy in response to a call for a two-hour general strike by the Communist-dominated Trade Union Federation.

Train and air services were halted for one hour.

At Bologna, more than 60,000 people attended a rally, many of them crying. Mourners placed flowers on the rubble left by the explosion which flattened an entire wing of the station.

Prime Minister Francesco Cossiga and Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni prepared to answer questions later today (1500 GMT) at a special session of the Senate (Upper House).

The neo-fascist Armed Revolutionary Nuclei (NAR) claimed responsibility for the attack saying it was to avenge the indictment of eight right-wingers for the bombing of a train near Bologna six years ago.

But as the full extent of the tragedy became known anonymous telephone callers denied that NAR was responsible for the massacre.

First interrogations included suspected members of neo-fascist groups, but police declined to disclose details.

## Spanish police hunt for giant 'time bomb'

**MADRID, Aug. 4 (AP) —** After days of roadblocks, thousands of searches and dozens of fruitless leads, Spanish police have been left sitting on the biggest time bomb in their history — seven and one half tons of explosives in the hands of Basque separatists.

Police now seem destined to wait until the militant guerrillas of the Basque separatist organisation ETA who stole 7,000 kilograms of plastic explosives decide to strike. ETA commandos stole the explosives from a factory in the northern city of Santander on July 25.

The guerrillas have hinted they will strike unless the government accepts separatist demands it has rejected many times before. "It's a time bomb, or hundreds of time bombs," says a Red Cross official, whose organisation prepared evacuation plans for the northern Basque city of Bilbao within hours after the robbery.

In Madrid, police backed up traffic for kilometres, searching cars and lorries entering or leaving the city, apparently acting on the chance that the capital was to be ETA's prime target. The search turned up nothing.

Premier Adolfo Suarez quickly

"We are following every possible lead," a senior police official said. Explosives experts were examining unidentified "material" found at the scene of the tragedy.

An injured railway worker was quoted by his brother as saying he saw two youths enter the second-class waiting room with a suitcase ten minutes before the explosion. The brother of Roland Mannocci quoted him as saying that the youths stayed briefly and then departed but he could not recall if they took the suitcase with them.

More than 200 people were injured in the attack which occurred as hundreds of holiday-makers filed the station for their annual summer holiday.

About 17 of the wounded were still in critical condition, were crippled or blinded.

The funeral for the 75 who included six foreign tourists, was held on Wednesday. The Institute of Medicine put the death toll at 75, which was fewer than previously believed. It also said 188 people were injured, of which 109 were hospitalised.

Of the victims 69 had been identified, it said, including tourists from West Germany, Britain, France and Sweden.

The crackdown is the wave of the committee's purification programme, month it dismissed about officials, employees and teachers in the government, state organisations and school grounds of irregularities and discipline.

The committee said the crackdown on hooligans was continuous campaign, carried in cooperation with the government and people, to eliminate "social evils" and "extinguish our country for once and for all."

It contended that the wave of the hooligans "has blurred sound conscience and sense values on the part of the people, demoralising innocent children trying to live honestly."

conferred with top defence officials, then offered a reward equivalent to \$300,000 for information leading to the recovery of the explosives, a combination of nitroglycerine and ammonium nitrate called "Goma-2."

Salisbury, Zimbabwe, Aug. 4 (AP) — This capital city's 800,000 inhabitants were ordered to line streets and pack football stadiums for the arrival yesterday of Mozambique President Samora Machel — the first official visit by any head of state to Zimbabwe since independence three months ago.

"Anyone who fails to turn up will be considered an enemy of the people," Housing Minister Eddison Zvobgo, in charge of arrangements for the five-day visit, said in an interview with the Sunday Mail newspaper.

But leaders of the 200,000 white minority, which ruled Zimbabwe as Rhodesia for 90 years, have told white school children they don't have to take part in the celebrations.

Education ministry directed students out of schools into the streets to cheer President Machel were "totally illegal" against the bill of rights, said Geoff Kluckworth, chairman of all-white Rhodesian Front, which governed under Ian Smith. "The pe-

attending must be on a voluntary basis."

Many whites are opposed to visit by President Machel, who was a Marxist who propped up and backed in neighboring Mozambique for Zimbabwe guerrillas who fought to end domination in Rhodesia.

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